

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Barbara Beerhalter	Chair
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
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Robert J. O'Keefe	Commissioner
Darrel L. Peterson	Commissioner

In the Matter of US Sprint Communications
Company's Request for an Extension to File
its Annual Report with the State of Minnesota

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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 11, 1988, US Sprint Communications Company (US Sprint or the Company) filed a request with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) asking for a 60-day extension for the filing of its annual report which is due May 1, 1988 pursuant to Minn. Rules, part 7810.6400.

The Minnesota Department of Public Service (DPS) completed its Report of Investigation and Recommendation on February 22, 1988. In that report, the DPS recommended that the Commission vary Minn. Rules, part 7810.6400 to grant the Company's request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The issue before the Commission is whether to extend the time for US Sprint to file its annual report.

Minn. Rules, part 7810.6400 requires telephone companies to file an annual report for the previous calendar year on or before

May 1 of each year. In its request for a 60-day extension of the filing date, US Sprint stated that its external auditors believe that the required reports will not be completed by May 1, 1988.

Pursuant to Minn. Rules, part 7830.4400, the Commission may grant a variance to any of its rules upon finding that the following conditions apply:

1. Enforcement of the rule would impose an excessive burden upon the applicant or others affected by the rule;

2. Granting of the variance would not adversely affect the public interest; and
3. Granting of the variance would not conflict with standards imposed by law.

The Commission finds that requiring the Company to file its annual report by May 1, 1988 would impose an excessive burden on US Sprint since its external auditors have stated that the needed reports will not be completed by that date. Further, the Commission finds that granting a 60-day extension for the filing will not adversely affect the public interest, but would serve the public interest by allowing the Company adequate time to prepare a complete annual report. Finally, the Commission finds that granting the variance would not conflict with standards imposed by law. The Commission concludes that the requirements of Minn. Rules, part 7830.4400 have been met and will order Minn. Rules, part 7810.6400 varied.

ORDER

1. Minn. Rules, part 7810.6400 is hereby varied to extend the filing date of US Sprint's annual report to July 1, 1988.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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